DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announce a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish propagation waters located in King George County, Virginia.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING:

Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon King George County Cooperative Extension Office 10087 Kings Highway, King George, Virginia 22485

MEETING DESCRIPTION: This is the first Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting for this project. The purpose of the TAC will be to provide technical input and insight for the project, and to assist with stakeholder and public participation.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: The impaired segments are located in VDH Growing Area 001A-036 and include portions of Upper Machodoc Creek, and its tributaries, Williams Creek, Deep Creek, and Gambo Creek. These impaired waterbodies are located in King George County, Virginia.

The affected water body segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to exceedances of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish waters. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

HOW TO COMMENT: The public comment period on the materials presented at the TAC meeting will extend from October 24, 2007 to November 23, 2007. DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Please send all comments to the contact listed below.

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